Australian Soccer Football Association

"RAPID" (AUSTRIA) — 1955

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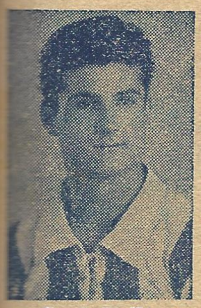
NORTHERN DISTRICTS

VERSUS

"RAPID" (AUSTRIA)

CESSNOCK SPORTS GROUND

3 p.m.



Paul Hallia

Bruno Mehsarosch

SOME OF THE "RAPID" PLAYERS

R. KORN

ROBERT KORNER (Inside Right).—Born 21st August, 1924. Employee of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria. Excellent tactician and brain of the forward line of the "Rapid" team. Nearly all the goals scored by the forwards were fruits of his cunning and ideal centre balls. Thirty-nine times in the Austrian Team, he played all matches in the World Championship Team.

R. KAFFKA

ROBERT KAFFKA (Back, Half-back).—Born in Vienna on the 5th of J 1930; employee. A good head player and enormous "kick". Played three t in the Vienna City Team.

G. HANA

GERHARD HANAPPI (Half-back).—Born on the 16th February, 1929. Student. Plays as left back in the Austrian Team and was one of the most efficient players as left back in the FIFA team. His dribbling is very good, his efficiency outstanding. Although playing mostly as half-back he scored so many goals during the last Austrian Championship that he ranges second in the list of the goal-getters. Played 56 times in the Austrian National Team; played all the matches of the Austrian Team during the World Championship in Bern.

K. GIESSER

KARL GIESSER (Central-half).—Born in Vienna, 29th October, 1929. C servant. Great player with a very great action radius. Excellent ball co Splendid marksman. Seven times in the Austrian National Team and me of the Austrian World Championship Team.

SOCCER GOSSIP

By "Dingy"

[illegible] player who is chosen to play [illegible]st the Rapid team knows very [illegible] he is chosen to go through the [illegible]est test of his soccer ability ever. [illegible]ding to a number of Southern [illegible] judges, only three so far have [illegible] top class against the visitors. [illegible] were Goalkeeper Bill Henderson [illegible] South Coast half back Billy [illegible]ams in the N.S.W. v. Rapid game [illegible]nd July, and Leichhardt full back [illegible] Stedman in the Rapids game [illegible]st Sydney Metropolis last Wednes-[illegible]

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[illegible]snock Club may have a strong [illegible] to repeat last years performance [illegible]eaching the State Premiership [illegible]r Final. The young West Wallsend [illegible] is going great guns, while [illegible]send is still a powerful contender. [illegible] the Black and Gold Brigade is a [illegible] say die combination, and who [illegible] them to the winning post will [illegible]hard to beat in the 1955 State [illegible]iership pennant quest.

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[illegible]e great former soccer district [illegible]ri is again back to the fold. The [illegible] Northern League is, of course, [illegible] than half way through, and the [illegible]ri team is filling in the gap each [illegible], with the team which has the [illegible]petition bye. The Kurri side will [illegible] a serious contender for the New [illegible]hern League K.O. cup, but it is [illegible]56 that the team will really begin [illegible] great revival of soccer in the Kurri [illegible]ri district.

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[illegible]hen director Bill McDonald [illegible]rned from England after a most [illegible]yable visit, he brought with him [illegible]ennant from the Newcastle United [illegible]gland) Club which he handed to [illegible]ials of the Weston Club. Mr. [illegible]Donald told the Weston officials he [illegible] created an affinity between the [illegible]castle and Weston clubs, and, of [illegible]se, the Weston people were [illegible]ghted because after all both clubs [illegible] of "GEORDIE" origin.

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[illegible]e have heard so much about [illegible]ches of the various clubs, and I am [illegible]pared to say all of them are doing [illegible]ighty job. Last week (for the first [illegible]) southern director Tommy Ten-[illegible] was appointed manager coach, [illegible] no person could have done a better [illegible]. But, of course, Tom, a former [illegible]ralian test match player, was [illegible]ctor of the Southern coaching [illegible]ol in 1954.

The chief of the N.S.W. Soccer Football Association is Mr. George Smith, M.V.O., and there is no greater soccer enthusiast in this country. Mr. Smith is acting Commissioner of N.S.W. Police, and lots of people form the impression that he is the former Australian test captain, who began his football career in Wollongong.

They are quite two different individuals, the former test captain being a sergeant of police, and a Wollongong native, while the Chairman of the Association is a Scot.

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The referee in to-day's game is Mr. Keith Urwin, and he is a real lover of long distance travel. At least that is the impression I have formed, because although he is a native of Newcastle and resides there, he travels every day from Newcastle to Sydney to work.

Don't Miss It!

AUSTRALIA

versus

"RAPID"

2nd Test

Newcastle

Sports Ground

3 p.m.

The accepted universal system of numbering players is from 2 to 11 the goalkeeper being automatically accepted as the number one man. In the N.S.W. v. Rapid game on 2nd July, the New South Wales lads turned out in the World system of numbering, and it was a great success.

Following that, the N.S.W. Soccer directors may next year consider making all clubs conform to the 1 to eleven idea.

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The Austrian lads have been a most popular set of visitors in Sydney. They are always courteous and ready to oblige, and ever ready to co-operate with Press and Radio personalities.

Of the players, Lothar Belik is the one who speaks fluent English, while £25,000 half back G. Hanappi is also able to converse in our mother tongue. The other lads do not speak English, but are gradually learning as they travel round Australia.

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The Rapid team played its last competition match of the season on 26th June in Vienna and a week later turned out against N.S.W. at Sydney. The 1955-56 soccer season in Austria opens on Sunday, 28th August, and it is a condition of the Austrian Association that Rapid must be back in Vienna not later than four days before the opening match. Failure to do that will result in the club being fined 50,000 Austrian shillings.

The decision means that the popular Rapid team must leave Australia on the night of August 20th.

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In a radio interview with Cliff Cary of 2GB (Sydney), State secretary Bill Orr was asked if he thought the Rapid team was really good. Bills answer was that if the last English soccer team to visit Australia, the Australian Rugby League test team and the French Rugby League test team were all put on the field at once, the Rapid side would beat the whole thirty-seven of them.

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Movietone News had six cameras in action at the first test on Sydney Sportsground, and some excellent shots of the play were recorded. The Movietone chiefs advise that the shots will be seen in news reels commencing on Thursday (to-morrow).

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The Korners kick all the corners from the corners. That seems a bit of Irish to you? Well it is a fact. The brothers Alfred and Robert Korner are the extreme wingers of the Rapid side. Robert is the teams captain.

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R. Atkinson of West Wallsend missed the first match against Austria when a bruised heel caused him to withdraw from the N.S.W. team. He was a reserve for the first test, but his real trial against the overseas visitors will be to-day when he appears for Northern Districts at left back.

TEAMS

NORTH

Manager: A. QUILL

(2) C. ALMOND

(4) W. PADDOCK

(7) P. AVERY (8) W. COLLINS (9)

Linesmen: MR. H. PARKER

Manager: MR. M. GOLD

THE "RAPID" (AUS
THE FOLLOWING:

Goal

2. P. HALLA
3. R. KAFFKA
4. K. HONIG
5. G. HANAPPI
6. K. GEISSER

(THE ELEVEN FINALLY SELECTED

TO-DAY

STRICTS

(3) R. ATKINSON

(6) J. BARR

(10) D. COWIE (11) C. NEWTON

VIN

McWILLIAMS (YELLOW FLAG).

BE CHOSEN FROM

TNER

12. W. VYBERAL

13. L. BILEK

14. H. NEVHOLD

15. J. BERTALAN

OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM)

The South China Soccer Team To Play in Cessnock 7th August, 1955

SOCCER VISITORS

Sir,—I desire to thank, through the "Daily Telegraph" the thousands of people who accorded the Rapid Soccer team such a warm welcome when we played our first match at Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, 2nd. July.

In all the countries I have visited as manager of Austrian teams I have heard Australians referred to as wonderful sportsmen.

I was therefore shocked when I arrived in Sydney to find that the Rugby League had refused us permission to use Sydney Cricket Ground for our First Test.

We, in Vienna, extend a welcome to rival sportsmen, and can assure your Rugby League officials that if they ever come to Austria to play I will see that they get the use of the finest Soccer grounds we have.

—MAX GOLD, Manager
Rapid Football Club

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ITINERARY FOR "RAPID" (AUSTRIA) SOCCER

TOUR OF AUSTRALIA, 1955

"Rapid" Austria
versus

July 2: N.S.W. at Sydney.

July 6: Sydney Metropolis at Sydney.

July 9: Australia (1st Test) at Sydney.

July 10: A N.S.W. XI at Bulli.

July 13: Northern Districts at Cessnock.

July 16: Australia (2nd Test) at Newcastle.

July 20: Queensland at Brisbane.

July 23: Australia (3rd Test) at Brisbane.

July 27: Victoria at Melbourne.

July 30: Australia (4th Test) at Melbourne.

Aug. 3: South Australia at Adelaide.

Aug. 6: West Australia at Perth.

Aug. 8 or 10: West Australia at Perth.

Aug. 13: An Australian XI at Adelaide.

Aug. 15: Tasmania at Launceston.

Aug. 17: Tasmania at Hobart.

Aug. 20: Australia (5th Test) at Sydney.

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"Rapid" Team

MAJOR SOCCER NEXT SUNDAY

West Wallsend v. Mayfield — Johnston Park

Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend — Speers Point Oval

Cessnock v. Weston — Cessnock Sports Ground

Merewether v. Cardiff — Charlestown Oval

Adamstown v. East Lakes — Wallsend

Alfred Korner

C. ALMOND

Hans Riegler

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